Sec. 3309.02 (7896-64a). Status of member discharged from armed forces; member employed for national defense training work.

Upon presentation of a discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable and subject to such rules and regulations as *** are adopted by the school employees retirement board, any member of the school employees retirement system who was or is out of active school service by reason of having served in the active service of the armed forces of the United States and who returns to school service or becomes a member of either the public *** employees retirement system or the state *** teachers retirement system within two years after receiving such discharge or release shall have such service considered the equivalent of *** prior service, provided that the total amount of such service granted by the *** board shall not exceed seven years. *** "Armed forces" of the United States, as used in this section, *** includes army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, auxiliary corps as established by *** congress, army nurse corps, navy nurse corps, red cross nurse serving with the army, navy, or hospital service of the United States, and such other service as *** is designated by *** congress as included *** therein. Any member of the school employees retirement system or any one who becomes a new entrant who is employed for essential national defense work in any of the public schools or universities of the state *** may make regular contributions to the school employees retirement system even though his salary is paid from federal funds, provided *** his salary is disbursed by an employer ***.

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